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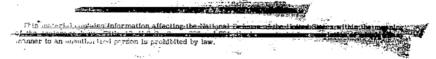
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#### SUMMARY

The flutter characteristics of geometrically, dynamically, and elastically scaled variable-incidence wing, all-movable horizontaltail, and vertical-tail models of a proposed fighter airplane were investigated in the Langley 9- by 18-inch supersonic flutter tunnel at Mach numbers of 1.3, 1.64, 2.0, and 2.55. The effects of varying the aileron and rudder control stiffnesses and pitch stiffness were also investigated. A proposed method of compensating for an all-movable flutter-model mounting system having an inertia greater than the scaled value was evaluated and was found to be satisfactory. The specific models with scaled design pitch stiffnesses and control stiffnesses proved to be free from flutter within the required scaled flight boundary. Except for extremely low values of pitch stiffness, the dynamic pressure at flutter varied almost linearly with the pitch stiffness of the wing models tested. The numerical value of the dynamic pressure at flutter was more sensitive to changes in pitch stiffness with increasing Mach number although the percent change in flutter dynamic pressure was nearly constant up to a Mach number of 2.0.

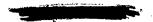
#### INTRODUCTION

The increased usage of highly swept all-movable surfaces for stabilization and control of airplanes and missiles coupled with the frequent occurrence of flutter of these surfaces has led to considerable interest in a study of their flutter characteristics. At the present time analytical methods for the prediction of the flutter behavior of such

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surfaces are useful primarily for trend studies and their use as criteria for design is questionable. Although some experimental trend studies have been made (see, for instance, refs. 1 to 4), they are for the most part limited in scope since they use scaled models of proposed controls. The designer, therefore, is presently faced with the problem of having to determine experimentally the flutter characteristics of each particular configuration he may wish to use. Thus, a flutter investigation involving both specific and general research of geometrically, elastically, and dynamically scaled models of the variableincidence wing, all-movable horizontal tail, and of the vertical tail of a proposed fighter airplane has been made in the Langley 9- by 18-inch supersonic flutter tunnel for the Mach number range from 1.3 to 2.55. The wing and vertical tail were tested with and without controls. All models were wall-mounted and tested separately. The purpose of the investigation was threefold: To determine whether the models were flutter-free within the scaled required flight boundary; to investigate the effects of changing the wing and horizontal-tail pitch stiffnesses and the aileron and rudder control stiffnesses; and to evaluate a proposed method of compensating for an all-movable control model having a mountassembly inertia greater than the scaled value. The investigation, accordingly, is presented in three phases which parallel these areas of interest.

#### SYMBOLS

- speed of sound, fps
   distance from control center of gravity (aileron or rudder) to hinge line, in.
- f flutter frequency, cps
- $f_n$  natural vibration frequency of nth mode (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), cps
- I mass moment of inertia of control surface about control hinge line, in-lb-sec<sup>2</sup>
- If mass moment of inertia of model mounting flange about pitch axis, in-lb-sec<sup>2</sup>
- Im mass moment of inertia of basic-model mount assembly about pitch axis, in-lb-sec<sup>2</sup>



 $I_0$ mass moment of inertia of modified mount assembly about pitch axis (or for purposes of developing equation (A2), the mount assembly pitching inertia not representative of scaled value of airplane-wing center-bay inertia), in-lb-sec<sup>2</sup> mass moment of inertia about pitch axis of model exposed panel  $q^{I}$ (excluding mounting flange and instrumentation wire), in-lb-sec2 It mass moment of inertia of model including mounting flange and with instrumentation wire about pitch axis, in-lb-sec2 K wing and horizontal-tail pitch stiffness, in-lb/radian  $K_{c}$ aileron or rudder control effective hinge stiffness, in-lb/radian pitching stiffness required for model wing with increased  $K_{O}$ (unrepresentative) mount assembly inertia to give correct impedance at flutter frequency based on relation  $K_0 = K + 4\pi^2 f_f^2 (I_0 - I_m)$ , in-lb/radian Z distance from model root to panel center of gravity measured perpendicular to model root, in. Μ Mach number dynamic pressure, lb/sq ft q dynamic pressure at flutter for basic mount-model configuration, qr lb/sq ft dynamic pressure at flutter for model with pitch stiffness qf,0 changed to compensate for an increased (unrepresentative) mount assembly inertia, lb/sq ft distance from pitch axis to panel center of gravity measured r parallel to root chord (positive when center of gravity is forward of pitch axis), in. correct impedance of model mount assembly at flutter frequency,  $R_{\mathbf{f}}$ in-lb/radian  $W_{c}$ weight of control surface, lb weight of moving portion of basic-wing mount assemblies and  $W_{\mathbf{m}}$ horizontal mount assemblies, 1b



W <sub>O</sub>	weight of moving portion of modified-wing mount assemblies, lb
${\tt W_f}$	weight of wing and horizontal-tail mounting flanges, lb
$W_{\mathbf{p}}$	weight of model panel excluding mounting flange and instrumentation wire, 1b
W <sub>t</sub>	total weight of wing including flange and instrumentation wire, 1b
$W_{\mathbf{w}}$	weight of instrumentation wire, 1b

#### APPARATUS AND OPERATING PROCEDURE

test-section density, slugs/cu ft

#### Wind Tunnel

This investigation was made in the Langley 9- by 18-inch supersonic flutter tunnel which is a conventional, fixed-nozzle, blowdown wind tunnel exhausting into a vacuum sphere from a pressure reservoir. The nozzle configurations used gave Mach numbers of 1.3, 1.64, 2.0, and 2.55. At each Mach number the test-section density varies continuously to a controlled maximum density and then decreases. Maximum test-section conditions are depicted in the tunnel performance curves shown in figure 1.

The test procedure for all Mach numbers was essentially the same. The test section and the sphere into which the tunnel exhausts, were pumped down to a pressure of approximately 2 pounds per square inch absolute. The control valve upstream of the test section was then opened and the test-section density was allowed to increase until flutter was observed or the maximum density obtainable was reached. After each run the models were inspected visually and the natural frequencies were checked and compared with those obtained just prior to the run to determine whether any structural changes had occurred.

The models were mounted on the mount blocks through the mount assembly. The mount blocks, in turn, were attached to the head of a ram that was used to inject or retract the models through one side of the test section in order to avoid rough flow during the starting and stopping operation. The models were viewed through a window in the opposite side of the test section.



The actual time for each run was approximately 3 to 4 seconds. A multichannel oscillograph provided a continuous record of the test conditions and of the behavior of resistance wire strain-gage bridges attached to the model box spars. A 16-millimeter motion-picture camera, operated at approximately 1,000 frames per second, furnished a record of the model motions.

#### Models

This investigation employed geometrically, elastically, and dynamically scaled surfaces of the variable-incidence wing, the all-movable horizontal tail, and the vertical tail of a fighter-type airplane. However, the wing and horizontal-tail mount assemblies (that portion of the mount-model combination corresponding to the center bay of the airplane fuselage-wing combination) were not dynamically scaled. The basic wing models are designated W1 to W6, the first two of the series being without ailerons. Three of the wing models (W2, W5, and W6) were repaired and redesignated W2A, W5A, and W6A for use in the third phase of the investigation. The wing mount was strengthened for the third phase of the investigation; this strengthening resulted in an increase in weight and a slight increase in inertia. When these latter three wings were tested in combination with various mount inertias, the configurations are identified by suffixing the numbers 1 to 4 to the three redesignated models. (These configurations are defined in table V.)

The all-movable horizontal-tail models are designated HT-1, HT-4, and HT-5 and the vertical tail models, VT-3, VT-4, and VT-7. Vertical tail models VT-3 and VT-4 had hinged (leaf spring) rudders.

#### Model Geometry

The wing models were 0.0333 scale and had an exposed panel aspect ratio of 1.71 and a taper ratio of 0.246 based on a tip chord not including the leading-edge extension. The geometry of the wing models is shown in figure 2(a).

The horizontal-tail models were 0.0662 scale and had an exposed panel aspect ratio of 1.59 and a taper ratio of 0.196. The geometry of the horizontal-tail models is shown in figure 2(b).

Both the wing and the horizontal-tail models were effectively all-movable surfaces. The wing pitch axis was at 69.4 percent of the root chord and the horizontal-tail pitch axis was at 51.4 percent of the root chord.

The geometry of the vertical tail is shown in figure 2(c). The vertical-tail model was 0.065 scale and had an aspect ratio of 1.20 and a taper ratio of 0.359. Unlike the wing and horizontal tail, the vertical tail was not free to pitch. The bending moment was taken by a





1/2-inch-square aluminum mount rod located at 69.2 percent of the root chord, the model being restrained in the pitching degree of freedom by two shear bolts at 25 percent of the root chord. The vertical tails normally carried a concentrated mass representing tail warning radar on the trailing edge at 75.7 percent span.

#### Construction

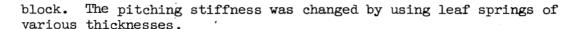
All the models were constructed in the same general manner. The details of construction of the various models are shown in figure 3. The main load carrying member of each model was a tapered hollow aluminum box spar to which aluminum-alloy ribs were welded. Spruce or mahogany leading and trailing edges were glued to the ends of the ribs to complete the plan form. Mounting flanges were welded to the roots of the box spars except for the vertical-tail models which had a 1/2-inch-square aluminum mounting bar extending into the box spar. Electrical resistance wire strain gages were mounted on the box spars near the root. Balsa wood was used to fill in the area between the structural members and to give the models their airfoil shapes. Pieces of lead were used to obtain desired mass and inertia distribution. The balsa was then covered with model silk and doped. The aileron and rudder controls were similarly constructed. The frames consisted of spruce leading and trailing edges connected in the streamwise direction by aluminum-alloy ribs two of which carried hinge mounts on the upstream ends.

#### Model Mounting Systems

The mount assemblies of all the models were built into aluminum mounting blocks (approximately 1.5 by 2.8 by 12 inches) which were attached to the head of the tunnel injector mechanism. A drawing of the wing mount assembly is shown in figure 4(a). The assembly consisted of a flange mount (to receive the model flange) welded to the main mount-assembly member, the downstream end of which was attached to a leaf spring secured to the mounting block. The upstream end was attached to an auxiliary spring which was in turn attached to the mounting block by a a bolt that could be moved in the chordwise direction. Thus, the pitch stiffness of the wing mount assembly could be changed by moving this bolt to change the effective length of the auxiliary spring, and/or by using springs of different thicknesses. The mount assembly, except for the area around the flange mount, was enclosed by a cover plate.

The horizontal-tail mount assembly was similar to the wing mount assembly except that no auxiliary spring was used. Figure 4(b) shows the details of this mount. The flange mount that received the horizontal-tail flange was cantilevered on a leaf spring secured to the mounting





The vertical-tail mount assembly consisted simply of a hole in the mounting block to receive the square aluminum mounting bar with set screws through the block to secure the bar. Two holes were tapped in the upstream face of the block to receive the shear bolts on the model root. (See fig. 2(c).)

#### Physical Properties

The physical properties of the basic model configurations are given in table I and the physical properties of the modified wing-mount configurations are given in table II. Table III(a) presents typical weight and inertia distribution of the model wings without ailerons. The geometric boundaries of the various stations along with the centers of gravity are presented in figure 5(a). Typical weight and inertia distributions of wing models with ailerons are shown in table III(b) and the boundaries of the various stations and the centers of gravity are shown in figure 5(b). Table III(c) gives a typical weight and inertia distribution of models of the horizontal tail. Figure 5(c) defines the boundaries of the stations and the centers of gravity.

Representative mode shapes of the first three natural modes of vibration of a wing without aileron for two different pitch stiffnesses are presented in table IV. The models were excited by an acoustical shaker and the mode shapes determined by the acceleration method described in reference 5. Typical node lines for various pitch stiffnesses and control hinge stiffnesses of some of the various models tested are presented in figure 6. Pitch stiffnesses were measured by an optical lever method, the estimated maximum error of which varied from approximately 2 percent at a pitch stiffness of approximately 4,000 inch-pounds per radian to 5 percent at 18,000 inch-pounds per radian. Varying the wing pitch stiffness over a wide range generally produced little change in the frequencies and node lines. The first and second natural vibration modes were more sensitive to pitch stiffness variations than the higher modes. As the pitch stiffness was increased over a wide range, the first-mode frequency increased slightly and the node line moved somewhat closer to the root. The second-mode frequency also increased slightly and the node line near the root moved toward the tip slightly while the node line near the tip displayed no apparent change.

Changing the aileron or rudder hinge stiffness over a wide range produced considerable change in the node lines of the higher modes on both the wing and vertical-tail models. Reducing the pitch stiffness of the horizontal-tail models by one-half lowered all the natural frequencies but had little effect on the node lines except for the fifth





mode. The fifth-mode natural frequency was somewhat insensitive to pitch stiffness changes, but the node line changed considerably.

#### TEST PROGRAM

The test program was divided into three phases. The purpose of the first phase was to determine whether the wing and horizontal-tail models with the scaled design pitch stiffnesses and the vertical-tail models with the scaled design bending stiffness were free from flutter within the predicted flight boundary of the airplane (including the required safety margin). During this phase of testing, the aileron and rudder hinge stiffnesses were reduced below the scaled design values to determine the effect on the wing and horizontal-tail flutter boundary. second phase of the test program was to determine the effect of varying the pitch stiffness of the basic wing-mount configuration at the various Mach numbers tested. The third phase was concerned with an experimental assessment of an analytical method proposed in reference 6 for compensating for unrealistic mount assembly inertias. It was mentioned in the section on models that the center-bay or mount assembly of the wing model was not dynamically scaled. It was not practical to build the mount assembly with as little mass as the scale factor indicated; as a result the mount assembly was too massive. The proposed method for compensating for this condition is developed in the appendix.

The models used in the third phase of the investigation were three reworked models and the mount assembly was salvaged from the first phase. The models (W2A, W5A, and W6A) and mount assemblies used in this phase are referred to as "modified" in that the mass of the mount assembly was increased to various values over that of the mount assembly as originally designed. The test procedure used in this phase was as follows: A model with the mount-assembly inertia approximately as originally designed and with a certain pitch stiffness was run in the tunnel to determine the flutter frequency and the dynamic pressure at flutter. The inertia of the mount assembly was then changed and the pitch stiffness altered according to the relation developed in the appendix:  $K_0 = K + 4\pi^2 f_f^2 (I_0 - I_m)$ . The model was again tested to determine whether the dynamic pressure at flutter remained the same, in order to verify the effectiveness of the compensation. This was done for several pitch stiffnesses K at M = 1.30and 1.64. In addition, the pitch stiffness K was held constant and the mount-assembly inertia was changed by various amounts; the pitch stiffness necessary to compensate for these various increased inertias was then calculated and the models were tested with the new pitch stiffness and inertia. It should be mentioned that the pitch stiffnesses at which the models were actually tested generally were not exactly the calculated value of  $K_{\Omega}$ 



because of the practical factors involved in setting the pitch stiff-nesses precisely. The difference between the calculated values of  $K_{\hbox{\scriptsize O}}$  and the measured values are shown in table V which also presents a summary of the weight, inertia, and pitch-stiffness variations for the wing model configurations used in the third phase of the investigation.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### First Phase

The wing, horizontal-tail, and vertical-tail experimental results of the first phase of the investigation are presented in table VI(a). Wing models were run at M=1.3, 1.64, 2.0, and 2.55 with the pitch stiffness and aileron stiffness set at approximately the scaled design value without any flutter being encountered within the scaled flight boundary with the required safety margin.

The aileron stiffness of the various models was progressively reduced in order to determine the effect on the wing flutter characteristics. Aileron flutter at 400 cycles per second was encountered at M=1.3 when the aileron stiffness of model W5 was set at approximately one-tenth the scaled design value. Motion pictures of the test indicated that the oscillation was a pure flapping motion about the aileron hinge line.

Horizontal-tail models with a pitch stiffness approximately equal to the scaled design value were tested at M = 1.3, 1.64, 2.0, and 2.55 without encountering flutter within the scaled flight boundary including the safety margin. In order to define the stiffness safety margin, the pitch stiffness was reduced until constant-amplitude flutter at 300 cycles per second was encountered with model HT-5 at a dynamic pressure of 3,225 pounds per square feet at M = 1.30. The pitch stiffness was approximately 60 percent of the scaled design value. When the pitch stiffness of model HT-5 was reduced to approximately 50 percent of the scaled design value, destructive flutter was encountered at a dynamic pressure of 2.940 pounds per square foot at M = 1.3. A confirmation test was made with model HT-4 with a pitch stiffness of approximately 60 percent of the scaled design value. The model fluttered at a dynamic pressure of 2.940 pounds per square foot at M = 1.3. The flutter modes for both the wing and horizontal tail appeared to be a strong coupling at the second bending mode and pitching mode.

It may be noted that the inertias of both the wing and horizontaltail mounts were greater than the scaled design values. As will be shown in the discussion of the third phase of the investigation, increasing the





mount inertias caused a decrease in the flutter dynamic pressure: therefore, the test results of this phase may be considered to be conservative. Vertical-tail model VT-4 was tested at M = 1.3, 1.64, 2.0, and 2.55 at approximately the scaled design rolling stiffness and rudder stiffness without encountering flutter within the limits of the tunnel, although a region of low damping was encountered at a dynamic pressure of 2,540 pounds per square foot at M = 1.3 and 2,725 pounds per square foot at M = 1.64. However, the model did not flutter. A maximum dynamic pressure of approximately 3,370 pounds per square foot at M = 1.3 and 3,760 pounds per square foot at M = 1.64 and above simulated the required flight boundary. The rudder stiffness was then progressively reduced at M = 1.3 to approximately 40 percent of the scaled design value without encountering flutter, although regions of low damping were encountered as before. Runs 102 and 104 were made to determine the effect of removing the mass that simulated the tail warning radar. No effect was evident.

#### Second Phase

The second phase of the investigation was concerned with determining the effect of large changes in wing model pitch stiffnesses on flutter at the various Mach numbers. The experimental results are presented in table VII and in figure 7 which shows the variation of dynamic pressure at flutter with pitch stiffness for several Mach numbers. Although the range of pitch stiffnesses covered is rather wide, little change was evident in the natural frequencies and node lines, and the wing models appeared to flutter in the same mode regardless of pitch stiffness except for the very low pitch stiffness of 460 inchpounds per radian. The typical flutter mode appeared to be a strong coupling of a pitch mode and the second bending mode. The flutter mode for a pitch stiffness of 460 inch-pounds per radian appeared to start as a pure pitching motion that slipped into the typical flutter mode almost immediately. Figure 8 shows frames taken from a high-speed 16 millimeter motion picture which illustrate the typical wing flutter mode. From figure 7 it can be seen that, except for very low pitch stiffnesses, the dynamic pressure at flutter varied almost linearly with the pitch stiffness. The effect of a given change in pitch stiffness on the numerical value of the flutter dynamic pressure appears to become more pronounced with increasing Mach number, although the percent change was approximately the same for Mach numbers up to 2.0.

#### Third Phase

The third phase of the investigation was an experimental assessment of a proposed method (presented in the appendix) of compensating for a scaled model mounting system having a mass and inertia greater than the



scaled value, which is very often the case in scaling all-movable model In the present investigation, a model was fluttered with a certain mounting system inertia  $I_m$  and pitch stiffness K which were assumed to represent the correctly scaled values of a hypothetical pro-The inertia of the mounting system was then increased. order to compensate for this increased ("incorrectly scaled") inertia Io, the pitch stiffness K was increased to  $K_{\mbox{\scriptsize O}}$  according to the relation  $K_0 = K + 4\pi^2 f_f^2 (I_0 - I_m)$  where  $f_f$  is the flutter frequency of the model with a "correctly scaled" mount inertia. This model was then fluttered and the flutter frequency and dynamic pressure were compared with those of the first model configuration. This was done for several values of pitch stiffness K and the corresponding flutter frequencies fr while the amount of increase in inertia  $I_0$  -  $I_m$  remained the same. If application of the method compensates exactly for the increased inertia, the dynamic pressure at flutter for the two configurations would be the same. The experimental results of this phase of the investigation are presented in table VIII. In figure 9(a), the ratio of the dynamic pressure at flutter for the model with the pitch stiffness changed to compensate for an increased (approximately 2.3 times), unrepresentative mount-assembly inertia to the dynamic pressure at flutter for the basic mount-model configuration is plotted against the basic pitch stiffness. (The numbers beside the data points indicate the runs from which the ratios were determined.) For the basic pitch stiffness range investigated, increasing the pitch stiffness according to the relation  $K_0 = K + 4\pi^2 f_f^2 (I_0 - I_m)$ to compensate for the increased mount inertia generally held the dynamic pressure at flutter for the increased-mount-inertia configuration to within 10 percent of the flutter dynamic pressure except for one run for the basic configuration.

Generally, the method overcompensated slightly since the dynamic pressure at flutter for the increased-mount-inertia configuration was greater than that for the basic configuration. For comparison, one model with increased mount inertia was fluttered without compensating for the increased stiffness with the result that the model fluttered at a dynamic pressure of about 45 percent less than that for the basic model configuration. On run 122, the model with increased mount inertia fluttered at a dynamic pressure 25 percent greater than that for the basic configuration. This excessive overcompensation may have been due to an error in setting the pitch spring. A similar model, fluttered under the same comparative conditions, showed only a 5 percent increase in flutter dynamic pressure.

Since the proposed method of compensating for too great a mount inertia appeared to be satisfactory over a range of pitching stiffness for an increase in inertia at approximately 2.3 times that of the basic





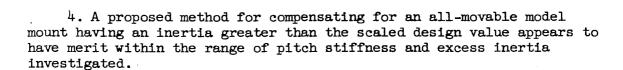
configuration, the method was next checked for applicability at other mount inertia increments but for only one basic configuration pitch stiffness of approximately 6,000 inch-pounds per radian. The results are shown in figure 9(b). The mount inertia was increased from 1.6 to 2.9 times the basic mount inertia and was compensated for by increasing the pitch stiffness according to the proposed method. Again application of the method appeared to overcompensate slightly. The flutter dynamic pressure for the increased-mount-inertia configurations averaged about 10 percent higher than the flutter dynamic pressure for the basic configuration, with a maximum increase in flutter dynamic pressure of approximately 20 percent. Again, for comparison, the mount inertia was increased 2.9 times for one run without compensating for the increased inertia. This configuration fluttered at a dynamic pressure about 50 percent less than that for the basic mount inertia. When the pitch stiffness was changed to compensate for the increased mount inertia. the flutter dynamic pressure was 7 percent greater than that for the basic mount configuration.

In this phase of the investigation the flutter frequencies of the increased-mount-inertia configurations (when compensated for) were generally within 3 percent of those of the basic configurations; thus, the results added further confirmation to the validity of the method.

#### CONCLUSIONS

From the results of flutter tests of the variable incidence wing and all-movable horizontal-tail and vertical-tail models of a proposed fighter airplane, the following conclusions are made:

- 1. The wing models both with and without aileron, when flown at the scaled design pitch stiffness and control stiffness, were found to be free from flutter within the scaled predicted flight boundary (including the required safety margin) for the Mach numbers tested. The horizontal and vertical tails when flown at scaled design stiffnesses were also found to be free from flutter within the required scaled flight boundary.
- 2. The dynamic pressure required to flutter the all-movable wings at reduced pitch stiffness varied almost linearly with pitch stiffness except for extremely low values.
- 3. The numerical value of the dynamic pressure at flutter was more sensitive to changes in pitch stiffness with increasing Mach number although the percent change in dynamic pressure was nearly constant up to a Mach number of 2.0.



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#### APPENDIX

#### A METHOD OF COMPENSATING FOR EXCESSIVE INERTIA

## IN THE ROOT REGION OF FLUTTER MODELS

Generally the exposed surface of a flutter model can be fairly accurately scaled geometrically, elastically, and dynamically. However, in all-movable models the spring systems used to simulate the scaled pitching restraint often are not consistent with the scaled inertial properties of the airplane all-movable control actuating system. Also, the size of the model mount system is frequently determined by the facility in which the model is being tested. Thus the inertial properties of the root region of flutter models may not be representative of the surface being scaled.

A method of compensating for the too massive root region by altering the scaled design pitching stiffness has been proposed by Mr. A. L. Head. This method may be developed in the following manner:

At the flutter frequency, if the impedance presented to the exposed surface by the root region is the same as the impedance which would be presented by the correctly scaled root region, it might be supposed that the model would have nearly the correct flutter characteristics. Consider the impedance presented to the exposed surface at flutter to be a combination of resistance to motion due to the mount-assembly inertia at the flutter frequency and resistance to motion due to the pitch spring. Then an undamped-mount-assembly impedance equation may be written as:

$$-I_{m}f_{f}^{2}(2\pi)^{2} + K = R_{f} = -I_{0}f_{f}^{2}(2\pi)^{2} + K_{0}$$
 (A1)

or

$$K_0 = K + 4\pi^2 f_f^2 (I_0 - I_m)$$
 (A2)

where

ff flutter frequency, cps

 $I_m$  correctly scaled pitching mass moment of inertia, in-lb-sec<sup>2</sup>

K correctly scaled pitching stiffness, in-lb/radian





- $R_{\mathbf{f}}$  correct impedance of model mount assembly at flutter frequency, in-lb/radian
- I<sub>O</sub> pitching mass moment of inertia of configuration that does not have a representative root region, in-lb-sec<sup>2</sup>
- K<sub>O</sub> pitching stiffness required for configuration with unrepresentative root region to give correct impedance at flutter frequency, in-lb/radian





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TABLE I.- PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF BASIC-WING, HORIZONTAL-TAIL, AND VERTICAL-TAIL MODELS

Model	W <sub>p</sub> ,	W <sub>f</sub> ,	W <sub>w</sub> ,	W <sub>t</sub> ,	W <sub>m</sub> ,	r,	ι,	I <sub>p</sub> ,	I <sub>f</sub> ,	I <sub>t</sub> ,	I <sub>m</sub> ,	W <sub>c</sub> ,	I <sub>c</sub> ,	e,	fı	reque ()	Lever encie	
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Wl	0.1002	0.0228	0.0039	0.1269	0.1287	-0.23	1.70	83.7×10 <sup>-5</sup>	29.53× 10 <sup>-5</sup>	113.2 ×10 <sup>-5</sup>	97.4×10 <sup>-5</sup>				157	440	665	910
W2	.1041	.0228	.0039	.1308	.1287	<b></b> 16	1.92	74.1	29.53	103.6	97-4				157	438	662	940
W3	.1203	.0239	.0039	.1480	.1287	12	2.13	90.8	25.10	116.0	97.4	0.0074	0.363×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.30	137	382	605	836
W4	.1292	.0239	.0039	.1570	.1287	.09	1.92	91.7	25.10	116.8	97.4	.0074	.440	.29	146	395	636	880
<b>W</b> 5	.1128	.0239	.0039	.1396	.1287	.04	1.98	90.4	25.10	115.5	97.4	.0077	.440	.34	142	400	632	870
w6	.1132	.0239	.0039	.1410	.1287	.03	1.95	104.4	25.10	129.5	97.4	.0072	.311	.28	147	410	642	855
HTL	.0907	.0182	.0035	.1124	.0163	.90	1.55	82.9	1.04	83.9	4.15				165	519	880	1,100
HT4	.0826	.0182	.0035	.1043	.0163	.92	1.50	88.1	1.04	89.1	4.15				170	530	900	1,055
HT5	.0933	.0182	.0035	.1150	.0163	.98	1.52	92.0	1.04	93.0	4.15				168	530	930	1,100
VT3	.2793	.0542	.0045	.3380								.0173	1.373	.40	1,29	380	512	
VT4	.2828	.0542	.0045	.3415								.0164	1.050	.38	128	355	506	
VT7	.2473	.0542	.0045	.3060											131	355	510	

<sup>\*</sup>Ailerons on wing models; rudders on vertical tail models.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Control surfaces locked; values supplied by the model manufacturer.



TABLE II.- PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MODIFIED WING MODELS

# (a) Panels

Model	₩ <sub>p</sub> , 1b	W <sub>f</sub> , lb	W <sub>w</sub> , 1b	W <sub>t</sub> , lb	I <sub>f</sub> , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>	$I_p$ , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>	$I_{t}$ , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>	r, in.	l, in.
W2A	0.1085	0.0228	0.0039	0.1342	29.5×10 <sup>-5</sup>	72.6×10 <sup>-5</sup>	102.2×10 <sup>-5</sup>	-0.19	1.82
*W5A	.1075	.0239	.0039	.1353	25.1	83.2	108.3	.12	2.05
*w6a	.1180	.0239	.0039	.1458	25.1	79.3	104.5	.13	2.10

<sup>\*</sup>Aileron locked.

## (b) Mounts

Model	W <sub>m</sub> , lb	I <sub>m</sub> , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>	W <sub>O</sub> , lb	I <sub>O</sub> , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>
W2A	0.1823	95.3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
W2A1			0.2882	224.8 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>
W2A2			.2634	211.1
W2A3			.3110	261.0
W2A4			.2360	167.0
WSA	.1816	93.2		
W5A1			.2882	218.5
W6A	.1816	93.2		
W6A1			.2882	218.5
W6A2			.2667	195.8
W6A3			.3143	269.0
W6A4			.2408	148.2



#### TABLE III. - TYPICAL WEIGHT AND INERTIA DISTRIBUTION AND STRIP STATIC

#### UNBALANCE OF WING AND HORIZONTAL-TAIL MODELS

(a) Typical wing without aileron (model W1). Stations defined in figure 5(a).

		Spanwise station -											
Flange	1	2	3	4	4 5		7	8	9	Remarks			
	Weight distribution (after compensating for cuttings), 1b												
227.70×10 <sup>-4</sup>	200.70	112.90	90.80	69.70	38.57	29.75	21.50	17.60	12.05	Chordwise station 2			
	82.50	39.40	71.60	17.17	13.04	7.29	8.52	6.55	6.81	Chordwise station 3			
				Chord	lwise strip in	ertias, in-li	-sec <sup>2</sup>						
37.0 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	199.2 × 10-6	81.2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	63.0 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	22.9 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	16.24×10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.07×10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.66×10-6	3.01×10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.48×10 <sup>-6</sup>	About axis through strip center of gravity parallel to pitch axis			
195.6	329.2	86.7	80.5	46.7	46.7	45.3	56.9	60.3	66.8	About pitch axis			
	Strip static unbalance about pitch axis*, in-lb												
375.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	408.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	60.6 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-112.2 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>	-94.9 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-88.3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-80.5 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-84.8 × 10-4	-77.6 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-74.2 × 10-4				

<sup>\*</sup>Based on actual strip weights and positive when strip center of gravity is forward of pitch axis.

# TABLE III.- TYPICAL WEIGHT AND INERTIA DISTRIBUTION AND STRIP STATIC

#### UNBALANCE OF WING AND HORIZONTAL-TAIL MODELS - Continued

(b) Typical wing with aileron (model W4). Stations defined in figure 5(b).

				Spanwise :	station -					Remarks	
Flange	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Nellas Ro	
				Weight distribu	ution (after co	ompensating fo	or cuttings), 1	Lb			
54.30×10 <sup>-4</sup> 25.88×10 <sup>-4</sup> 21.05×10 <sup>-4</sup> 12.18×10 <sup>-4</sup> 20.73×10 <sup>-4</sup> 9.36×10 <sup>-4</sup> 8.98×10 <sup>-4</sup> 8.02×10 <sup>-4</sup> 3.72×10 <sup>-4</sup> Chordwise station 1											
238.50×10 <sup>-4</sup>	198.50	125.50	93.80	57.90	42.00	31.93	24.33	18.15	10.47	Chordwise station 2	
	73.30	*75.55	121.00	*61.80	18.04	7.00	14.00	12.98	5.87	Chordwise station 3	
	l			Chor	dwise strip in	ertias, in-lb	-sec <sup>2</sup>				
41.15×10-6	185.5 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	*74.4 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	50.4 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	*19.0 × 10-6	18.85×10-6	7.28×10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.75×10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.30×10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.61×10 <sup>-6</sup>	About axis through strip center of gravity parallel to pitch axis	
200.3	449.3	<b>*</b> 76.6	76.6	<b>*</b> 71.6	53.9	45.7	79.1	87.6	59.7	About pitch axis	
			<u> </u>	Strip ste	stic unbalance	about pitch 8	xis**, in-lb		<u></u>		
372.0 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	373.5 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	89.8 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-154.2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-127.4 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-103.2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-83.9 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-113.3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-111.5 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-67.0 × 10-4		

<sup>\*</sup>Hinges and screws attached.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on actual strip weights and positive when strip center of gravity is forward of pitch axis.

# TABLE III. - TYPICAL WEIGHT AND INERTIA DISTRIBUTION AND STRIP STATIC UNBALANCE OF WING AND HORIZONTAL-TAIL MODELS - Concluded

(c) Typical horizontal tail (model HT5). Stations defined in figure 5(c).

			Spanwise statio	ns -			Remarks
Flange	1 2		3	4	5	6	remarks
	<u> </u>	Weigh	nt distribution	(after compensat	ing for cuttings	s), lb	
	64.25 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	38.33 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	51.95 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	16.95 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	11.90 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	11.45 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	Chordwise station 1
182.40 × 10 <sup>-14</sup>	168.20	133.40	107.00	85.20	58.20	34.90	Chordwise station 2
	78.90	17.57	17.35	16.07	15.08	5.81	Chordwise station 3
	L	<u></u>	Chordwise	strip inertias,	in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>		
8.81 × 10-6	143.3 × 10-6	49.7 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	36.2 × 10-6	14.22 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.44 × 10-6	2.88 × 10-6	About axis through strip center of gravity parallel to pitch axis
9.09	146.1	68.4	111.3	181.6	226.8	196.0	About pitch exis
	<u>                                       </u>		Strip static v	nbalance about p	itch axis*, in-	l lb	
-143.5 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-58.3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-116.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-225.0 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	-275.3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-267.2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-196.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	

<sup>\*</sup>Based on actual strip weights and positive when strip center of gravity is forward of pitch axis.



TABLE IV.- REPRESENTATIVE MODE SHAPES OF WING MODELS [Deflections normalized on maximum deflection]

(a) K = 4,075 in-lb/radian

Chord,		Span, percent											
(*)	0	10	30	40	50	60	70	90	100				
	f <sub>1</sub> = 138 cps												
0 25 50 75 100	-0.050 035 010 .014 .040	-0.045 024 .005 .041 .081	-0.010 .030 .075 .125	0.032 .075 .128 .186 .235	0.085 .135 .188 .245 .302	0.156 .210 .266 .326 .395	0.245 .300 .362 .435 .512	0.528 .600 .677 .755 .835	0.750 .810 .873 .920 1.000				
f <sub>2</sub> = 392 cps													
0 25 50 75 100	0.005 0 010 028 055	0 010 028 055 096	-0.035 070 117 197 317	-0.079 140 207 275 345	-0.186 239 276 304 324	-0.300 286 269 248 224	-0.317 273 204 095 .065	0.079 .200 .335 .473 .616	0.462 .604 .742 .884 1.000				
				f <sub>3</sub> = 64	8 срв								
0 25 50 75 100	-0.183 084 031 069 244	-0.137 038 015 168 763	0.061 .122 038 611 939	0.351 .351 046 651 940	0.718 .634 .084 641 962	0.810 .740 .336 596 970	0.802 .763 .519 588 984	0.802 .763 .382 702 -1.000	0.802 .580 305 840 -1.000				

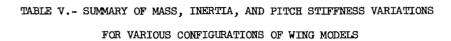
<sup>\*</sup>Chordwise stations based on chord lengths not including leading-edge extension.

(b) K = 9,770 in-lb/radian

Chord,		Span, percent											
percent (*)	0	10	30	40	50	60	70	90	100				
	f <sub>1</sub> = 142 cps												
0 25 50 75 100	-0.025 019 006 .015 .038	-0.019 006 .015 .047 .072	0.016 .046 .083 .136 .199	0.057 .096 .147 .206 .280	0.121 .166 .223 .296 .376	0.204 .255 .325 .404 .479	0.312 .376 .448 .525 .605	0.637 .692 .747 .806 .863	0.860 .892 .925 .962 1.000				
f <sub>2</sub> = 399 cps													
0 25 50 75 100	0.094 .067 .031 009 069	0.067 .029 017 076 157	-0.023 071 143 243 371	-0.077 137 212 300 400	-0.157 214 267 309 340	-0.229 250 263 267 257	-0.254 226 172 074 .074	0.143 .286 .429 .572 .714	0.429 .572 .714 .858 1.000				
				f <sub>3</sub> = 65	4 cps								
0 25 50 75 100	-0.500 272 057 143 643	-0.429 186 079 343 857	0.157 .157 257 700 943	0.507 .457 279 722 950	0.750 .700 0 729 964	0.886 .814 .572 729 971	0.964 .872 .657 743 979	0.993 .857 .507 757 986	1.000 .714 772 886 986				

<sup>\*</sup>Chordwise stations based on chord lengths not including leading-edge extension.





(	Original (rework	•		Modified mo	odel configuration	on					
W <sub>m</sub> , 1b	$I_m$ , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>	K, in-lb/radian	W <sub>O</sub> , 1b	I <sub>O</sub> , in-lb-sec <sup>2</sup>	Calculated K <sub>O</sub> , in-lb/radian	Measured K <sub>O</sub> , in-lb/radian					
	W2A				2A-1						
0.1823 .1823 .1823 .1823 .1823	95.3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> 95.3 95.3 95.3 95.3	3,840 6,000 6,100 7,600 7,710	0.2882 .2882 .2882 .2882 .2882	225.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> 225.0 225.0 225.0 225.0	6,090 9,500 9,560 11,720 11,930	6,150 9,580 9,750 11,900 12,050					
	W2A		W2A-2								
0.1823	95.3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,000	0.2634	211.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	9,130	9,080					
	W2A			W	2A-3						
0.1823	95.3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,000	0.3110	261.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	10,470	10,850					
	W2A		** * .	W	2A-4						
0.1823	95.3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,000	0.2360	167.0 × 10-5	7,940	8,000					
	W5A		W5A-1								
0.1816 .1816 .1816	1 //	3,870 6,060 7,580	0.2882 .2882 .2882	218.7 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> 218.7 218.7	5,780 9,010 10,950	5,880 8,900 10,860					
	W6A			W	6A-1						
0.1816 .1816 .1816	93.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> 93.2 93.2	460 2,500 6,000	0.2882		 8,660	8,500					
	w6A			W	6A-2	<u> </u>					
0.1816	93.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,000	0.2667	195.8 × 10 <b>-</b> 5	8,180	8,200					
****	W6A			W	6A-3						
0.1816	93.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,000	0.3143	269.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	9,730	9,800					
	W6A		W6A-4								
0.1816	93.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,000	0.2408	148.2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	7,170	7,200					



(a) Wing models

Model	Run	K, in-lb/radian	K <sub>c</sub> , in-lb/radian	f <sub>1</sub> ,	f <sub>2</sub> ,	f <sub>3</sub> ,	fų,	f <sub>5</sub> ,	М	q, lb/sq ft	ρ, slugs/cu ft	a, ft/sec	f <sub>f</sub> ,	Remarks
<b>w</b> 6	16	18,400	28.75	137	335	440	555	730	1.30	3,460	0.00409	998		Maximum conditions;
<b>w</b> 6	6	18,400	28.75	138	352	460	559	743	1.64	3,470	.00298	930		no flutter Maximum conditions; no flutter
<b>w</b> 6	10	18,400	28.75	137	350	458	560	740	2.00	3,515	.00236	862		Maximum conditions;
<b>w</b> 6	12	18,400	28.75	137	349	451	559	735	2.55	3,180	.00152	790		Maximum conditions;
<b>w</b> 6	20	18,400	22.2	137	326	435	553	710	1.30	3,395	.00408	993		Maximum conditions;
w6	26	18,400	20.3	137	323	430	550	725	1.64	3,576	.00308	928		Maximum conditions; no flutter
W5	35	17,300	28.0	128	332	445	555	730	1.30	3,215	.00384	995		Maximum conditions;
W5	36	17,300	6.0	126	375	533	675	870	1.30	3,215	.00384	995		Maximum. conditions;
<b>W</b> 5	45	17,300	2.7	118	370	526	675	820	1.30	1,800	.00220	984	400	Aileron fluttered;
<b>W</b> 5	42	17,300	5.7	127	375	520	679	850	1.64	3,800	.00350	930		Maximum conditions;
₩5	38	17,300	28.0	126	375	533	675	870	2.00	3,800	.00250	880		Maximum conditions;
₩5	39	17,300	6.0	127	382	555	695	850	2.00	3,800	.00250	880		Lost aileron in opening shock
W3	30	18,400	19.62	128	316	400	552	665	1.30	3,520	.00414	1,000		Maximum conditions;
W3	32	16,500	17.7	125	308	410	555	720	1.30	3,380	.00414	982		Maximum conditions;
W3	33	17,300	14.4	125	285	383	534	667	1.30	3,140	.00375	995		Maximum conditions;
W3	34	17,300	6.0	125	367	520	620	720	1.30	3,185	.00380	995		Maximum conditions;
W3	28	18,400	19.62	128	318	402	552	662	1.64	3,505	.00302	928		Maximum conditions; no flutter
W2	5	18,400		147	390	540	685	850	1.64	3,820	.00323	938		Maximum conditions; no flutter
W14	93	10,850	28.75	129	356	430	534	633	1.30	3,300	.00390	1,000	310	Maximum conditions; no flutter

TABLE VI.- EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF FIRST PHASE OF INVESTIGATION - Continued

# (b) Horizontal-tail models

Model	Run	K, in-lb/radian	f <sub>l</sub> ,	f <sub>2</sub> , cps	f <sub>3</sub> , cps	fų, cps	f <sub>5</sub> ,	М	q, lb/sq ft	ρ, slugs/cu ft	a, ft/sec	f <sub>f</sub> , cps	Remarks
HT-1	14	2,310	131	394	610	867	1,000	1.30	3,500	0.00414	1,000		Maximum conditions;
HT-1	2	2,310	133	406	625	855	980	1.64	3,780	.00317	940		Maximum conditions;
HT-1	8	2,310	133	408	625	880	1,000	2.00	3,400	.00229	862		no flutter Maximum conditions;
HT-1	11	2,310	133	400	621	872	1,000	2.55	2,970	.00152	780		no flutter Maximum conditions;
HT-1	18	1,890	132	392	625	860	1,033	1.30	3,500	.00413	1,000		no flutter Maximum conditions;
HT-1	21	1,440	122	374	601	868	1,000	1.30	3,585	.00432	1,000		no flutter Maximum conditions;
HT-1	25	1,440	122	373	600	870		1.64	3,815	.00324	936	:	no flutter Maximum conditions; no flutter
HT-5	43	2,260	133	415	625	912	1,060	1.30	3,000	.00358	995		Low damping;
HT-5	41	2,260	133	415	625	912	1,060	1.64	3,800	.00350	936		325 cps Maximum conditions;
HT-5	40	2,260	133	408	621	912	1,080	2.00	3,800	.00250	873		no flutter Maximum conditions;
HT-5	44	1,432	121	375	588	900	1,012	1.30	2,905	.00345	1,000		no flutter Low damping;
HT-5	44	1,432	121	375	588	900	1,012	1.30	3,225	.00378	1,003	300	300 cps Constant amplitude
HT-5	46	1,174	117	365	555	879	1,012	1.30	2,940	.00348	1;000	284	flutter Destructive flutter
HT-4	22	1,440	126	377	594	875		1.30	2,815	.00339	990	305	Divergent flutter

(c) Vertical-tail models

Model	Run	K <sub>c</sub> , in-lb/radian	f <sub>1</sub> ,	f <sub>2</sub> ,	f <sub>3</sub> ,	f <sub>4</sub> ,	f <sub>5</sub> ,	М	q, lb/sq ft	ρ, slugs/cu ft	a, ft/sec	f <sub>f</sub> ,	Remarks
VT-7	91.		129	355	510	692	1,000	1.30	2,610	0.00316	990	370	Low damping; 370 cps oscillations
VT-7	91		129	<b>3</b> 55	510	692	1,000	1.30	3 <b>,</b> 395	.00406	994		Maximum tunnel
VT-4	94	136.5	129	356	430	534	633	1.30	2,540	.00306	994	360	Low damping; 360 cps oscillations
VT-4 VT-4	94 95	136.5 136.5	129 131	356 354	430 438	534 538	6 <u>3</u> 3 6 <u>5</u> 0	1.30	3,500 2,725	.00415 .00235	1,000 930	360	Maximum tunnel Low damping; 360 cps oscillations
VT-4 VT-4	95 97	136.5 136.5	131 128	354 358	438 427	538 542	650 645	1.64 2.00	3,810 3,800	.00326 .00238	932 894		Maximum tunnel Maximum tunnel; no flutter
VT-4	98	136.5	128	358	427	542	645	2.55	3,055	.00151	790		Maximum tunnel;
VT-4	99	65.6	128	348	381	521	628	1.30	3,072	.00368	995	360	Low damping; 360 cps oscillations
VT-4 VT-4	99 100	65.6 52.3	128 128	348 355	381. 506	521 600	628 650	1.30 1.30	3,470 2,180	.00414	997 990	360	Maximum tunnel Low damping; 360 cps oscillations
VT-4	100	52.3	128	355	506	600	650	1.30	3,470	.00407	1,000		Maximum tunnel
VT-3	101	99.2	127	348	374	584	690	1.30	2,505	.00302	991	360	Low damping; 360 cps
VT-3 VT-3	101	99.2 99.2	127 127	348 350	374 373	584 586	690 700	1.30	3,470 3,530	.00414	996 990	360	Maximum tunnel Low damping; 360 cps oscillations
VT-3*	104	99.2	137	356	386	585	600	1.30	3,500	.00422	990	350	Low damping; 350 cps oscillations

<sup>\*</sup>Radar mass removed.

TABLE VII.- EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF SECOND PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

Model	Run	K, in-lb/radian	f <sub>l</sub> ,	f <sub>2</sub> ,	f <sub>3</sub> ,	fų,	f <sub>5</sub> ,	М	q, lb/sq ft	ρ, slugs/cu ft	a, ft/sec	f <sub>f</sub> ,	Remarks
Wl	67	11,100	140	390	654	804	1,000	1.30	3,485	0.00461	1,000	340	Constant amplitude
Wl	47	9,710	147	398	675	825	1,000	1.30	2,990	.00359	993	323	Divergent flutter
Wl	68	8,700	142	394	654	804	1,000	1.30	2,510	.00334	995	300	Divergent flutter
Wl	54	7,820	144	402	660	817	1,000	1.30	2,090	.00251	993	275	Divergent flutter
Wl	52	6,010	143	404	650	820	1,000	1.30	1,365	.00166	986	250	Divergent flutter
Wl	70	4,085	138	395	643	808	1,000	1.30	967	.00120	978	213	Divergent flutter
W1	71	3,290	124	368	632	750	940	1.30	698	.00095	983	188	Divergent flutter
Wl	72	2,535	128	390	640	: 795	990	1.30	463	.00064	976	176	Divergent flutter
Wl	63	11,100	140	396	650	805	1,000	1.64	3,540	.00301	936	340	Low damping
Wl i	66	9,745	142	392	653	816	998	1.64	3,440	.00292	934	330	Divergent flutter
Wl	62	9,770	142	394	650	810	990	1.64	3,458	.00293	937	320	Divergent flutter
Wl	61	9,150	1.40	393	650	805	1,000	1.64	3,130	.00267	934	310	Divergent flutter
Wl	60	8,020	139	390	650	. 805	1,000	1.64	2,690	.00234	927	286	Divergent flutter
MJ	59	7,080	145	400	660	815	1,000	1.64	. 2,282	.00201	920	260	Divergent flutter
Wl	75	5,425	135	383	646	780	980	1.64	1,693	.00149	921	228	Divergent flutter
Wl	74	3 <b>,</b> 265	133	386	632	785	985	1.64	808	.00072	911	194	Divergent flutter
Wl	73	2,535	1.28	390	<sub>;</sub> 640	795	990.	1.64	555	.00050	910	174	Divergent flutter
Wl	78	8,900	134	384	636	786	960	2.00	3,725	.00243	876	314.	Low damping
Wl.	79	7,550	134	385	622	784	960	2.00	3,300	.00218	869	292	Divergent flutter
Wl	81	6,525	130	382	620	790	960	2.00	2,600	.00176	860	256	Divergent flutter
Wl	82	3 <b>,</b> 955	126	377	606	786	975	2.00	1,370	.00094	853	208	Divergent flutter; model broke
<b>W</b> 2	85.	6,525	131	375	650	784	975	2.00	3,780	.00243	880	278	Barely fluttered
W2	84	4,980	136	380	650	806	975	2.00	2,157	.00146	861	244	Divergent flutter
<b>W</b> 2	86	6,000	128	370	644	766	965	2.00	3,417	.00222	876	266	Divergent flutter
W2	83	3,955	138	393	650	814	990	2.00	1,475	.00101	857	220	Divergent flutter
W2	87	4,230	125	352	632	766	960	2.55	2,470	.00125	782	220	Divergent flutter
<b>W</b> 2	89	4,750	130	367	638	770	950	2.55	3,128	.00152	796	236	Divergent flutter; model broke

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Model	Run	K, in-lb/radian	f <sub>1</sub> ,	f <sub>2</sub> , cps	f <sub>3</sub> ,	f <sub>4</sub> , cps	f <sub>5</sub> , cps	М	q, lb/sq ft	ρ, slugs/cu ft	a, ft/sec	f <sub>f</sub> ,	Remarks
W2A W2A-1 W2A W2A-1	115 116 107 112	3,840 6,150 6,000 9,580	147 144 150 149	236 225 400 392	390 387 705 686	695 680 830 800	800 785 1,045 1,015	1.30 1.30 1.30 1.30	766 838 1,512 1,527	0.00094 .00102 .00186 .00187	984 984 981 980	210 206 260 246	Divergent flutter Divergent flutter Divergent flutter Slowly divergent
W2A	110	9,820	150	403	706	825	1,055	1.30	2,878	.00349	988	312	flutter Slowly divergent flutter
W2A	113	7,710	150	395	685	805	1,030	1.30	2,245	.00266	999	288	Slowly divergent flutter
W2A-1	114	12,050	150	393	695	800	1,025	1.30	2,393	.00286	996	290	Slowly divergent flutter
W2A-4	119	8,000	148	380	690	784	1,025	1.30	1,835	.00222	989	266	Slowly divergent flutter
W2A-2	117	9,080 10,850	147 150	380 385	690 690	800 785	1,020	1.30	1,760 1,775	.00213	988 995	260 264	Divergent flutter Slowly divergent flutter
W2A W2A-1	123 125	6,100 9,750	149 147	386 384	685 680	790 800	1,005 1,020	1.64 1.64	1,772 1,895	.00155 .00167	923 919	260 260	Divergent flutter Slowly divergent flutter
W2A	120	7,600	148	386	686	790	1,015	1.64	2,447	.00213	923	284	Slowly divergent flutter
W2A-1	122	11,900	148	378	690	780	1,015	1.64	3,080	.00265	930	294	Slowly divergent flutter
W5A W5A-1 W5A-1 W5A-1 W5A-1	127 128 129 130 131 132	3,870 5,880 6,060 8,900 7,580 10,860	122 122 122 118 118 119	240 222 286 263 270	363 354 349 344 335 342	624 614 626 606 614 600	780 775 775 750 770 745	1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64	1,241 1,223 2,108 2,083 2,642 2,780	.001.09 .001.08 .001.85 .001.85 .002.32 .00242	921 918 921 915 921 924	196 200 244 240 260 268	Divergent flutter
W6A-4 W6A-2 W6A-1 W6A-3 W6A-3 W6A	136 137 138	6,000 7,200 8,200 8,500 9,800 6,000 2,500 460	132 120 120 120 120 113 106 118	283 272 270 263 256 204 183 147	361 330 327 330 325 318 315 315	624 600 600 590 590 584 590	760 700 700 695 694 640 692 690	1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64	1,950 2,095 2,172 2,048 2,100 1,017 620 440	.00172 .00187 .00194 .00180 .00186 .00090 .00055 .00039	918 914 914 919 916 916 912 912	232 238 238 235 232 188 159 88	Divergent flutter



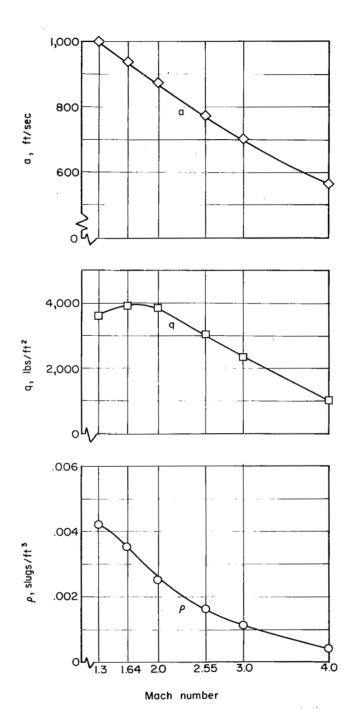
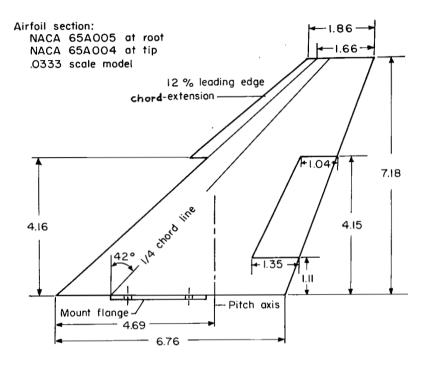
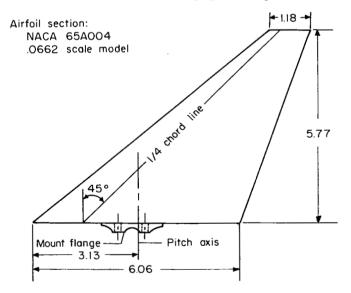


Figure 1.- Performance curves of the Langley 9- by 18-inch supersonic flutter tunnel showing maximum test-section conditions obtainable.

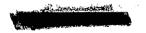


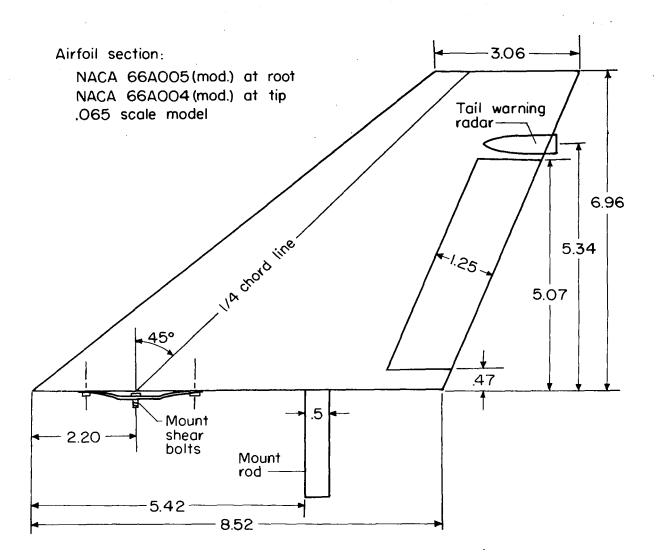
(a) Wing geometry.



(b) Horizontal-tail geometry.

Figure 2.- Geometry of wing, horizontal-tail, and vertical-tail models. All dimensions are in inches.

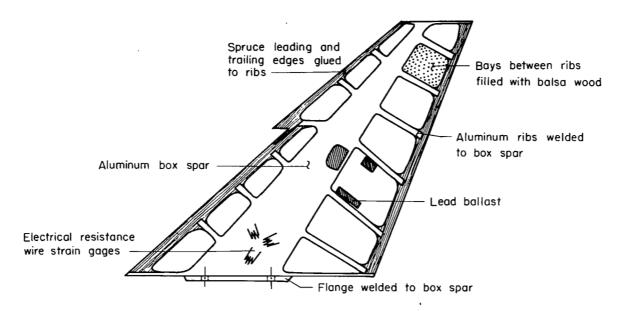




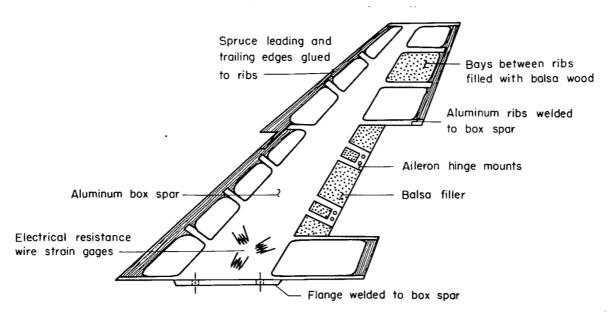
(c) Vertical-tail geometry.

Figure 2.- Concluded.





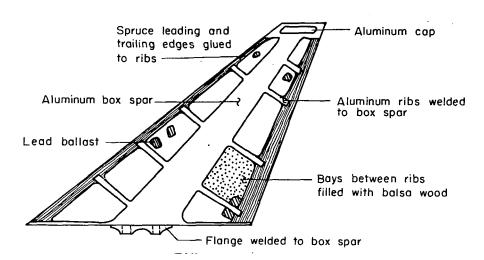
(a) Wing without aileron.



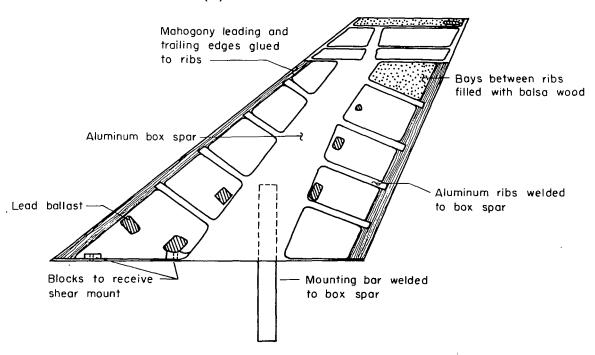
(b) Wing with aileron.

Figure 3.- Details of typical model construction.



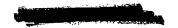


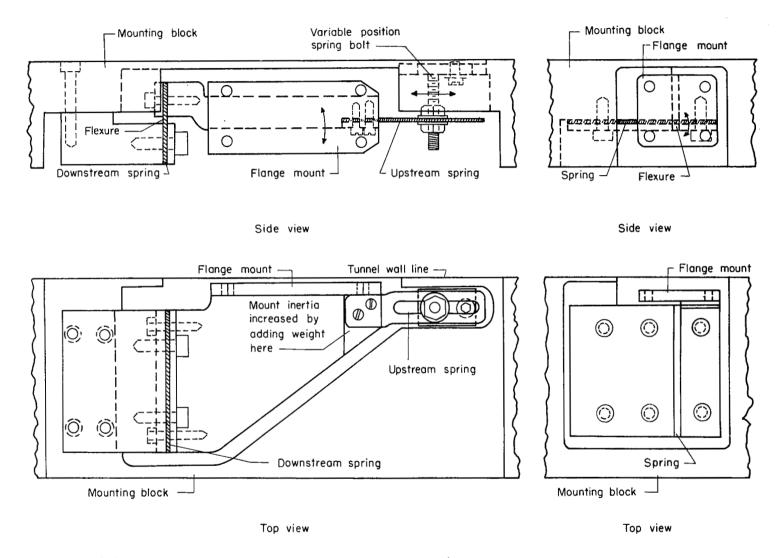
## (c) Horizontal tail.



(d) Vertical tail.

Figure 3.- Concluded.

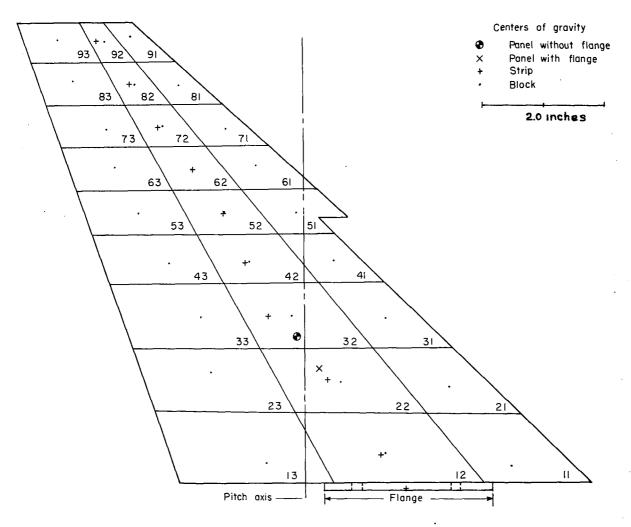




(a) Wing-mount assembly.

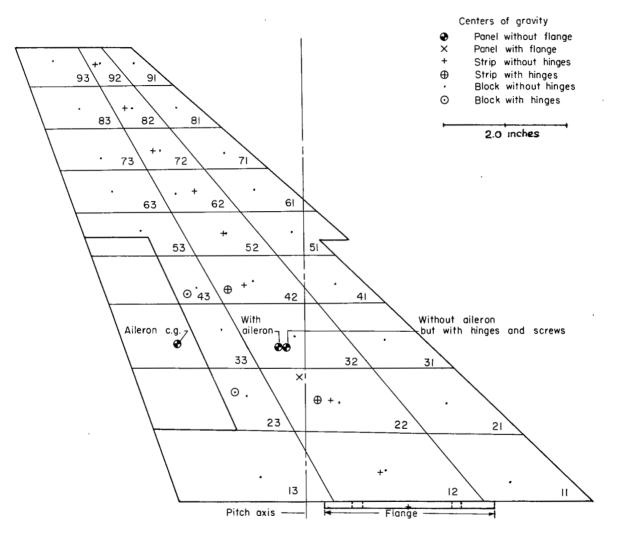
(b) Horizontal-tail-mount assembly.

Figure 4.- Mount assemblies for wings and horizontal tails.



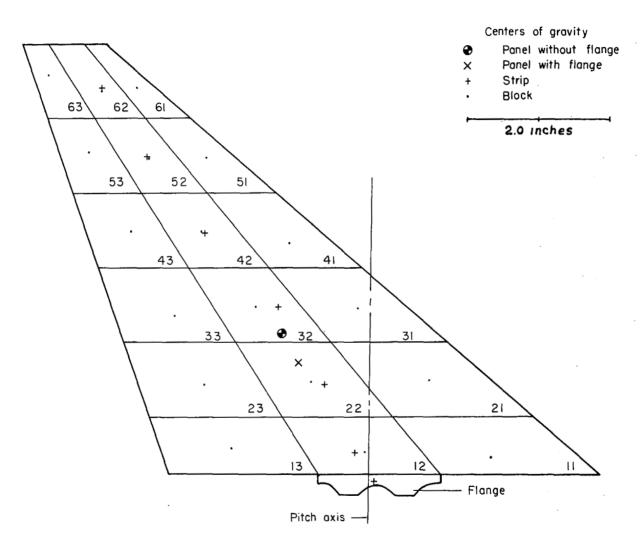
(a) Typical wing without aileron (wing model W1).

Figure 5.- Streamwise strip, block, and panel centers of gravity of typical wing and horizontal-tail models.



(b) Typical wing with aileron (model W4).

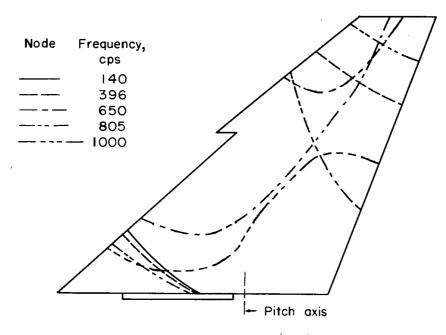
Figure 5.- Continued.



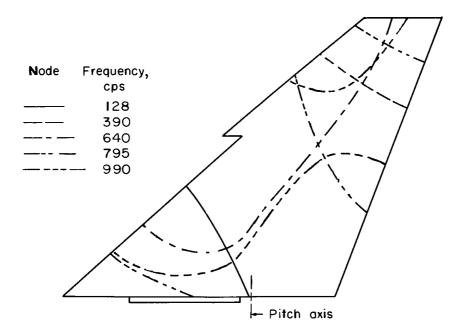
(c) Typical horizontal tail (model HT5).

Figure 5.- Concluded.





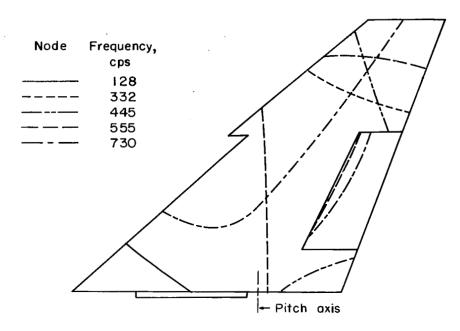
(a) Wing without aileron; K = 11,000 in-lb/radian, run 63.



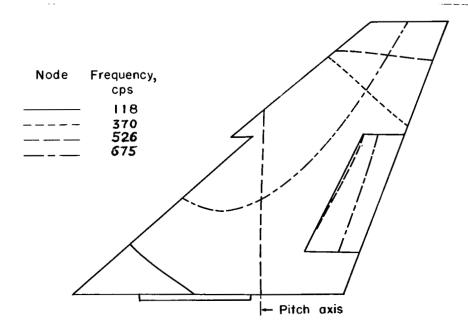
(b) Wing without aileron; K = 2,535 in-lb/radian, run 73.

Figure 6.- Typical model node lines for some representative pitch and control stiffnesses.





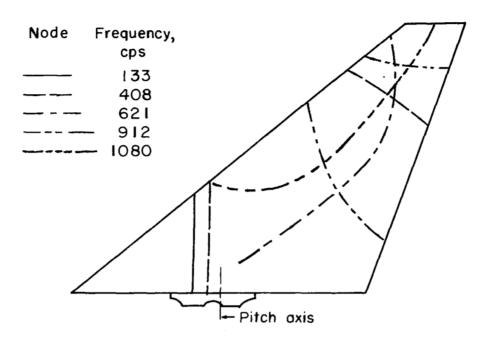
(c) Wing with aileron; K = 17,300 in-lb/radian;  $K_c = 28.0$  in-lb/radian; run 35.



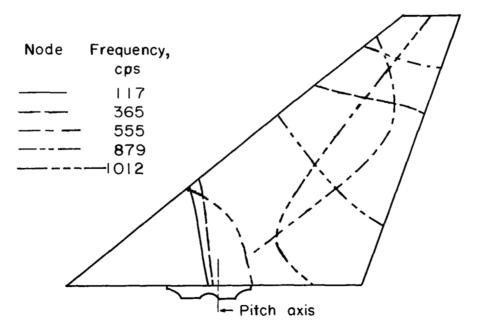
(d) Wing with aileron; K = 17,300 in-lb/radian;  $K_c = 2.7$  in-lb/radian; run 45.

Figure 6.- Continued.



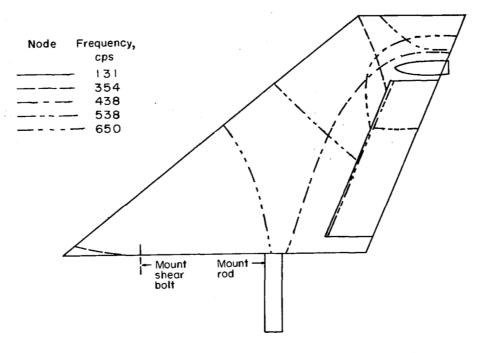


(e) Horizontal tail; K = 2,260 in-lb/radian; run 40.

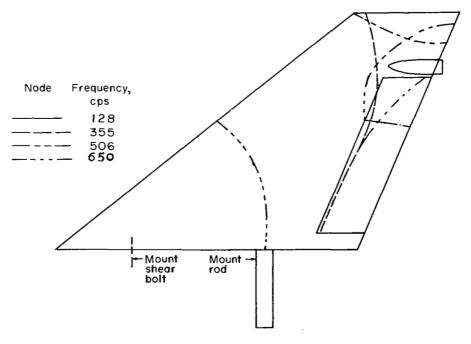


(f) Horizontal tail; K = 1,174 in-lb/radian; run 46.
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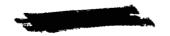




(g) Vertical tail;  $K_c = 136.5$  in-lb/radian; run 98.



(h) Vertical tail;  $K_c = 52.3$  in-lb/radian; run 100. Figure 6.- Concluded.



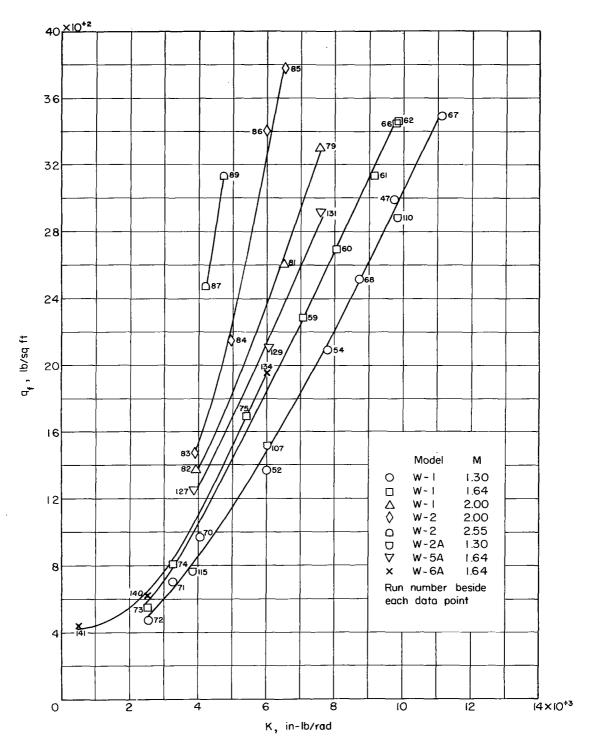


Figure 7.- Variation of dynamic pressure at flutter with pitch stiffness.



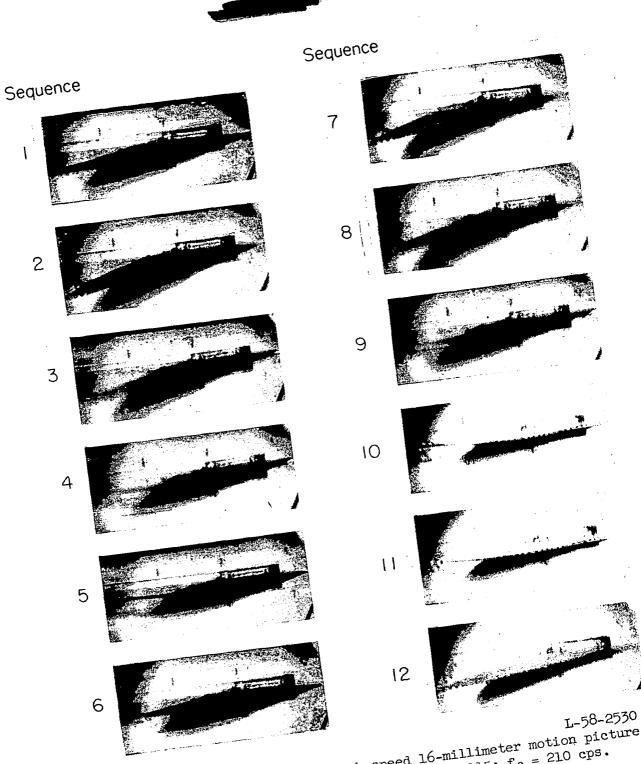
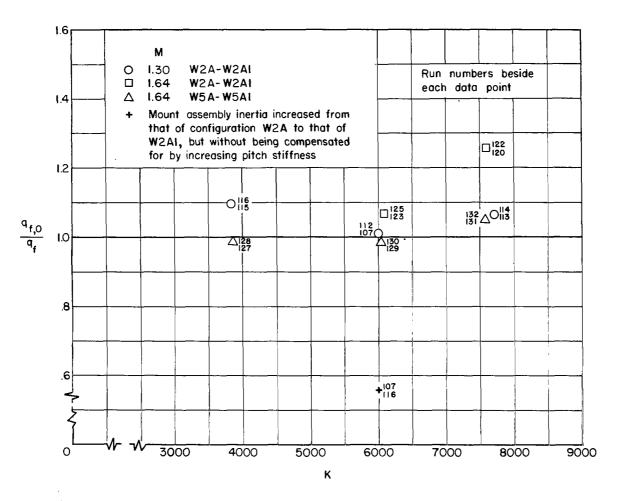
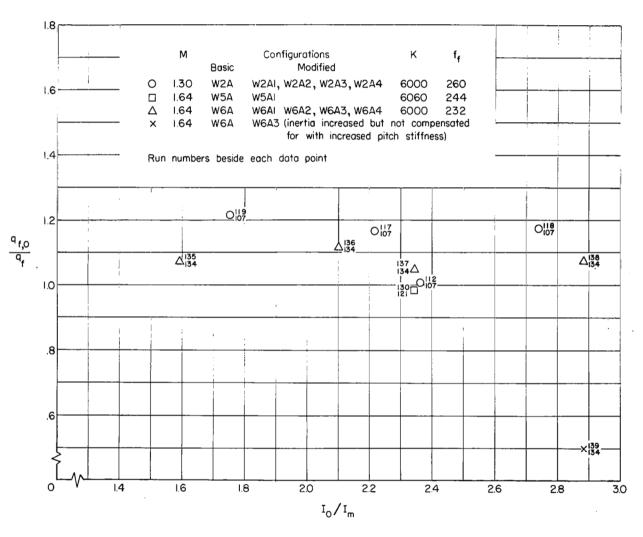


Figure 8. - Sequence from high-speed 16-millimeter motion picture illustrating wing flutter mode. Run 115;  $f_f = 210$  cps.



(a)  $(I_O - I_m)$  held constant while varying K with corresponding  $f_f$ .

Figure 9.- Effect on flutter dynamic pressure of changing mount assembly moment of inertia and compensating for the change by changing the pitch stiffness according to the relation  $K_0 = K + 4\pi^2 f_f^2 (I_0 - I_m)$ .



(b) K and corresponding  $f_f$  held constant while varying  $(I_0 - I_m)$  by varying  $I_0$ .

Figure 9.- Concluded.